

PARISHES OF ST PETER CHANEL BERALA & ST JOSEPH THE WORKER AUBURN SOUTH

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Saint Peter Chanel



Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 23rd September, 2012

From your Pastor

Might and Extremism is Not Our Way

Those who join a religious order like Jesuits, or Marist Brothers, or Josephite Sisters have a period of formation called Novitiate. It is a year or two of secluded training when the candidate is instructed in the special Charism of the Order. Through this is a period of intense training they understand and adopt an identity which makes them a Jesuit or a Marist Brother or Josephite nun. Jesus took his special disciples for a special instruction and training like this. A fortnight ago we heard in the Gospel reading that he sent them into towns and villages to preach the Kingdom of God. They came amazed at the wonderful impact they could have on the people. Then Jesus took them for a long walk – about 80 KM or more one way. As we heard last week, He was instructing them all along. He was teaching them what to expect as his disciple and what the Kingdom of God means. The backdrop of today's Gospel is the return journey. It must have taken many days if not weeks to get back to Capernaum. All along he was instructing the disciples about the meaning and purpose of the Kingdom of God. At the end the disciples still find it hard to understand the basic essence of the Gospel message.

The prime message was that Jesus as the Messiah will have to suffer grievously. Last week we heard from the Gospel reading how this message shocked Peter and companions. But Jesus continued to tell them that the Messiah will have to suffer grievously. Still the disciples were discussing who will be the greatest among them. They are still dreaming of the glory of becoming a leader in the Kingdom of God to come. Taking on this issue, Jesus teaches them that the values of the Kingdom of God are very different to the values of the World.

The world likes to bathe in glamour and glory. But the Kingdom of God is all about being at the service of others. The innocence of a child is what is required. Once again Jesus changed the parameters of religious life. While the world tries to win over others with their might, a disciple of Jesus wins over others through service, innocence and humility.

Like many saints honoured in the Church, we too need to strive to be at the service of others. We do this by and large. The challenge is not to lose our focus from it.

Most of the Islamic world is up in arms in protest against some You-tube publication. Now another caricature published in France is adding fuel to trouble. All protesting Muslims think that even the non-believers not honouring Allah's reputation will diminish the reputation of God. Therefore they volunteer to defend Allah. It is not that easy to get Christians to protest against things like an article in Sydney Morning Herald last Thursday that Jesus took a wife. It is because we know God is to be honoured by the kind of love and charity we practice, not might and violence. We focus on Catholic Care, Society of St Vincent de Paul and so on. When innocent children are violated, Christians rightly demand action. The Church spends its resources on protecting the rights and trust of the vulnerable. Educating the innocent is our priority, not training militants. We shall never lose our direction.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday: 6.45AM; Tuesday 7PM Novena, & Mass; Wednesday—Friday 9.15 AM Saturday 8 AM
Lord's Day: Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM; **Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.30 AM
Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tuesday: 9AM Mass; Lord's Day, Sunday 9 AM, **Reconciliation** Sunday 8.30 AM
Baptisms, Weddings, and Anointing of the Sick by Appointment



Feasts This Week

27 September - Saint Vincent de Paul. Memorial

St. Vincent was born in Pouy, Landes, Gascony, France, to a family of peasant farmers. He had four brothers and two sisters.

He studied humanities in Dax, France, with the Cordeliers and he graduated in theology at Toulouse. He was ordained in 1600, remaining in Toulouse until he went to Marseille for an inheritance. In 1605, on his way back from Marseille, he was taken captive by Turkish pirates, who brought him to Tunis and sold him into slavery. After converting his owner to Christianity, Vincent de Paul escaped in 1607.

After returning to France, de Paul went to Rome. There he continued his studies until 1609, when he was sent back to France on a mission to Henry IV of France; he served as chaplain to Marguerite de Valois. For a while he was parish priest at Clichy, but from 1612 he began to serve the Gondi, an illustrious family. He was confessor and spiritual director to Madame de Gondi, and he began giving preaching missions to the peasants on the estate with her aid.

In 1622 de Paul was appointed chaplain to the galleys, and in this capacity he gave missions for the galley-slaves. In 1625 de Paul founded the Congregation of the Mission, a society of missionary priests commonly known as the *Vincentians* or *Lazarists*. In 1633, with the assistance of Louise de Marillac he founded the Daughters of Charity. He also fought against the Jansenist heresy.

De Paul was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity. For this reason he is known as the "Great Apostle of Charity".

29 September — Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels. Feast

The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass; Priests' Day off	Priests Day Off
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass, 10 AM Funeral, Kevin O'Brien 7.00 PM Novena & Mass	9.00 AM Mass
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass Secretary available at Parish Office	Secretary available at Parish Office
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass, Secretary available at Parish Office	Secretary available at Parish Office
Friday	6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass, 9.30 AM Confession, 5.00 PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	8.00 AM Mass. 10 AM Mass	8.30 AM Confession, 9.00 AM Mass

Amalgamation of Parishes

At the beginning of the year I wrote in the Parish Bulletin that our Archbishop, Cardinal Pell, has asked me to work on amalgamating St Joseph the Worker parish and St Peter Chanel parish. I believe the parishioners have had enough time to think through it and now I would like to further on the procedure. As I promised, a formal consultation with the parishioners is necessary. On Saturday, 10 November 2012, I am calling a combined meeting of Pastoral Councils of both parishes, Finance Committee, and members of various ministries. The main purpose of the long meeting on this day is to discuss Pastoral plans for the future. Agenda of the meeting includes topics like, CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME, ALPHA, YOUTH MINISTRY, and Building and Maintenance Program. At the meeting I will also introduce plans for the Amalgamation of the Parishes.

Once the parishioners consent to amalgamation, Cardinal will suppress both St Peter Chanel Parish and St Joseph the Worker Parishes. Then one new parish will be created of both suppressed parishes. The new parish may have a new name. We will have to discern the new name. But it does not mean building a new church. Even as an amalgamated parish (under a new name) the parish will retain both churches with their respective names. Mass and other sacraments will be celebrated in both churches. The parish schools, namely St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School Auburn South and St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School Regents Park will also continue as usual. Trinity Regents Park is a Regional School and the amalgamation will not have any impact on it.

The new parish will have only one set of advisory bodies like Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. The Finances of both parishes will be combined and will be administered as one set of accounts. After the initial consultation on Saturday 10 November, I will be preparing a document for the parishioners to sign to express your consent. **On Sunday, 25 November there will be separate General Meetings of both parishes. St Joseph the Worker Parish meeting will be at 10 AM in SJW School Hall. St Peter Chanel Parish meeting will be at 7 PM in the Jubilee Hall.**

Patrimonies of the parishes and the donors' intentions will be honoured as best we can. Patrimonies mean any bequests or donations given to either of the parishes for specific purposes. I am not aware of any such patrimonies so far. But should any of the parishioners be aware of any such patrimonies, please let me know.

I believe that the proposed amalgamation of the parishes will make our pastoral programs more efficient. When I return from holidays I will be happy to address any concerns any parishioners may have.

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

Help the stranger in our midst!

"In strange countries and places I have known what it was to be friendless, yet always met with someone to comfort and aid me...It is only those who have been situated as I sometimes have who can thoroughly know how much kindness of this kind is appreciated as one who feels herself a stranger in a strange land." (St Mary of the Cross writing to her mother from London in 1874)

St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker Parishes are embarking on an effort to train people in the role of Welcome Leaders - people like you and me that can welcome visitors, walk with people that wish to re-join our parish, and help us renew our parish as a centre of Jesus' welcome for the stranger.

You will be given comprehensive training and support for the role and need to be able to attend up to 3 days of formation held separately in November, February & May. The role is not a permanent commitment but you might like to make it your special contribution for a year.

We are looking for at least 3 people who can take on this role and form a core team supported by the Parish Priest. If you are interested please contact us at spcberala@bigpond.com

Fr Thomas on Holidays

This week I will be away at Homebush seminary, attending Archdiocesan Annual Retreat for clergy. Keep me in your prayers that I will do good at retreat.

Next week, 1 October I will be starting annual holidays for a month. I will be visiting Vietnam and my home land, Kerala, India during these holidays. As usual I will be posting some of the holiday pictures on Facebook and writing some notes for the Parish Bulletin. I will be back on 1 November. In my absence Fr Peter Kwak will be administering the parish. Mgr Michael Berbari will assist Fr Peter Kwak with Masses.

New Audio Visual System

As you may have noticed, a new Audio Visual System is now installed in St Peter Chanel church. There are a few more things to be attended to complete the installation, which they will be doing this week. Audio now uses digital processor and hopefully it has improved the clarity and audibility considerably. The video system enables us to use slides in the place of Mass cards for people to follow the parts of the Mass. We will also be able to display hymns on the screen and do away with hymn books. Before we come to that stage, there are a few more organisational things to do. Parish already has bought a licence to use Liturgy Help. Next step is to have someone to prepare the slides using Liturgy Help.

Pastoral Plan Open Consultations

If you would like to attend one of three open consultations on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan could you please contact the Parish Priest or Kym Newman (02) 9822 7935 or kym.newman@sydneycatholic.org by no later than 1 October 2012.

Date: Thursday, 11 October 2012
Venue: Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Centre – 230 Humphries Road, Bonnyrigg
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Date: Thursday, 18 October 2012
Venue: St Raphael's Primary School Hall – 82 George Street, South Hurstville
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Date: Thursday, 22 November 2012
Venue: St Therese Primary School Hall – Cnr Coward & Harris Streets, Mascot
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm



PILGRIM STATUE

Our Lady this week will be at :
The Amparo home,
104 Nottinghill Rd, Berala.
Please join them any evening at
7.30pm for the Rosary

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Now available at SPC Berala
Piety Stall for \$9.00. Buying a
copy you will be supporting
the Columban Mission.



Funeral Service for Kevin O'Brien

Long term parishioner Mr Kevin O'Brien passed away on Wednesday 19th September. His funeral will be held at St Peter Chanel, Berala on Tuesday morning commencing 10AM. Fr Thomas Kurunthanam will be presiding over the Mass. May he rest in peace.



Volunteering Opportunity with SPARK

Can you spare 1.5 hours a week to assist newly arrived refugee children and their families? SPARK (a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society) is an after-school program that provides curriculum, social and cultural support to newly arrived refugee children and their families in primary schools in Western Sydney. Children develop confidence in themselves as they are supported to understand and complete school work, enjoy creative and recreational activities and interact and develop relationships.

We are looking for Volunteer Tutors for Term 4, commencing 15 October 2012. Volunteers are required one afternoon a week from 3.00pm to 4.30pm during school term. Volunteers do not need to have formal qualifications or experience working with children, just have good spoken and written English skills to be able to assist someone else to improve their English, be enthusiastic, friendly, patient, and love working with children.

- Locations: Monday: Auburn, Regents Park, Guildford
- Tuesday: Parramatta, Granville, Fairfield
- Wednesday: Old Guildford, Auburn, Pendle Hill
- Thursday: Granville, Liverpool, Girraween

If you are interested in getting involved, please complete our online application form available at: www.vinnies.org.au/spark. Alternatively please contact Thuy Giang on 9568 0280 or spark@vinnies.org.au for more information.

New Parish Website

With the help of Catholic Communications we are in the process of developing a website for the Parish which is in its final stages. This will give parishioners the opportunity to gain updated information on news and events. Information on the sacraments and ministries, you will also be able to view the weekly bulletin, download forms and make direct secure payments. Look out for news in the coming weeks when the website will go live and more information will be at hand.

Year of Grace Articles:

Each month there is a new article on the Year of Grace on a separate leaflet at the back of the church. You are welcome to pick a copy up to read at home.

Credit Card Facility

Both St Peter Chanel Berala and St Joseph the Worker Auburn South parishes now have credit card facility. It means anyone wishing to set up monthly periodic deduction using their credit card towards parish collections can do so by completing a credit card authority form . This facility is secured by Commonwealth Bank security. Should you wish to use this facility, you may contact Marie Caldereri in the Parish Office on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Alternatively you can leave a note requesting commencement of credit card donations with your contact details in the new locked letter box and Marie will follow it up.

Planned Giving

Your contribution to the Planned Giving Program of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the Financial Year you will receive a Receipt for your contributions which will enable you to claim Tax deduction. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

Your Name:.....Parish: Berala / Auburn South

Telephone No Or Email ID

The 150th Anniversary of Policing and National Police Remembrance Day

The remembrance day this year will be held on Friday, 28 September and is held to acknowledge the 251 police who have given their lives in the execution of their duty over the 150 years and whose names appear on the NSW Police Honour Roll. This day is akin to Anzac Day for police.

His Eminence, Cardinal Pell has requested for the prayer below to be said at Masses for the next two weekends

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, in this 150th year of Policing in New South Wales we remember those Police who paid the supreme sacrifice of their lives in giving service to the community.

We recall their dedication, devotion and integrity as they sought to maintain law and order, and to provide a safe community in which all can live.

Today, loving Lord, we also remember those they left behind and their sadness because of the loss.

Lord Jesus, bless those we remember today and keep us ever mindful of the heritage they have given us.

Bless those who continue to serve today,
may they know they do so in the
name of him who was just and righteous and the
Prince of Peace.

Keep them safe as they go about their daily duty.

Amen

Combined Choir Practice

On Fifth Sunday of this month, Samoan Choir and the Parish Choir will come together to sing. They will have their practice at 6.00 PM on Wednesday, 26 September in St Peter Chanel Church.

Youth Choir

Youth Choir will be singing at Vigil Mass of First Sunday of each month (5PM Saturday before first Sunday) at St Peter Chanel Church. Next schedule is to sing at 5 PM Mass on Saturday, 6 October. There will be practice at 3.00 PM on the same day in SPC church.

Other Notices

Bereavement Support Group: Next Bereavement Support Group gathering is Wednesday 3rd October at 10 a.m. Topic: Social Effects of Grief. Venue: 3/20 St Johns Avenue, Auburn.

Community Annual retreat: The Indonesian-speaking Catholics across NSW will be holding their annual retreat "I'm the Bread of Life", on 28 Sept - 1 Oct (Labour Day Long Weekend) at Morisset, NSW. All are welcome for a weekend of contemplation, praise, worship, fellowship and teachings by CSE priests. Guest of honour Bishop Julian Porteous. For more information and to register, visit our website www.holytrinitysydney.org or contact our registration team: Aura 0450 282 507, Novi 0451 672 035.

Youth Leaders' Formation Course 2012: From 27 November to 22 December 2012 the *6th Youth Leaders' Formation Course* (YLFC) will take place at Campion College in Toongabbie. Find out more at www.sydneycatholic.org/ylfc or contact ylfc@sydneycatholic.org.

Remembering marriages at St Mary's Cathedral: Those married at St Mary's Cathedral are invited to return with their families for a special Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on Sunday, 14 October at 10.30am followed by morning tea in the beautiful and historic Chapter Hall. Certificates will be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversaries. Those with ancestors married at St Mary's are also invited to join in this wonderful celebration. To register your interest RSVP the Event Coordinator via email valentina.markovina@stmaryscathedral.org.au or phone 0400 309 337.

40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS – OCTOBER 19-21, 2012.

All are welcome to join the Church in Sydney in 40 hours of continuous Adoration for vocations at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. '40 Hours' includes Mass, Reconciliation, Scripture reflections and the Divine Office. 9pm Friday - 1pm Sunday. To enquire or sign up for an hour, contact the Vocation Centre: 9390 5937 or elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org Program: <http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/importantdates>

Retreat Day for Widowed Men and Women.

All widowed men and women are invited to a retreat day on Saturday 27 October 2012 from 10am to 4pm. The day is being hosted by the Life, Marriage and Family Centre of the Archdiocese and will include two talks with times for prayer, meals and Mass. The day will be held at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. The cost of the day, including meals is \$10. Enquiries and registration can be directed to LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5290.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 19 – 21 October, Winbourne, Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa (nr Penrith) NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: website www.wwme.org.au

St Philomena Association

Holy Mass to be held on Saturday, 10 November at midday, with confessions from 11:30am. (Pop in your diary!) at St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. RSVP: 07 November (for catering purposes) by phone or text to Elizabeth on 0423 15 44 63 or email epeoples9@gmail.com .

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Today's Readings

Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

James 3:16 - 4:3

Mark 9:30-37

Next Sunday's Readings

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48



Berala Rosters — God's House Keepers, Next Week

30TH SEPTEMBER

MASS	VIGIL	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	S EAMIGUEL	S EAMIGUEL	R.KENSEY	R. JAVIER
ORGANIST	-----	-----	-----	SAMOAN
CANTOR	-----	-----	-----	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	A HOWSON	A HOWSON	A THAM	J. MICHAEL
	L LOPEZ	L LOPEZ	F ROLL	M. BOTHAM
COMMENTOR	JOY SKERRITT	JOY SKERRITT	K HARTMAN	R. JAKSIC
GIFTS	C MABON	C MABON	WARDENS	CHILDREN'S
	FAMILY	FAMILY	-----	LITURGY
PIETY STALL	S YIP	S YIP	C KENSEY	J. SHANDLEY

Group 3: ALTAR – C Estrada; Helen Le Mottee; J Rockliff

Group 4: COUNTERS – Jenny Michael; Charlie Scully; Kay Scully

Church Cleaners: Sept 29 - Josie/Dom Pangilinan



Volunteers

The **HEART** Of The
COMMUNITY

Auburn South Roster - Church Cleaners, Next Week

Week 5: Claudette Azar

Volunteer still needed: Fourth week of each month Irene Kula is by herself to clean SJW church. She would like to have a couple of helpers to join her. If you are prepared to spent one hour once a month please let Joe Moses or one of the priests know.

Thanks to Kassis family for volunteering to do the Altar Linen at St Joseph the Worker Church.

HOLY SOULS

Please pray for the peaceful repose of

Recently deceased: Kevin O'Brien, Zella Thompson, Dominico Conguita, Sadie Olivia, Felixberto Ibardolaza Sr; Gloria Bolonia; deceased members of Bolonia & Ibardolaza family; Barrett family, Noel Thomas Le Mottee, Gert & Jack Herrmann, Mary Small, Charles Kensey, Adrienne D'Souza, Carmen Portelli, Charlie Portelli, Bert Portelli, Anthony Portelli, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli, Michael Wong, Donnellan, Strahan, Elek, Blazevec, Family & Friends of Roll family, Ross & Mitchell families Philip & Maria Cimprich.

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Perfecto Olarte; Pascal Daniel D'Souza, Victoriano Hipolito, Gorgonia Hipolito, Joseph Ly Pham, Joseph Hien Pham
May Their Souls Rest in Peace